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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Ms. Carlyn Winter Prisk (3HS11)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029



SDMS DocID 2052138

Re: Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site
Substantiation of September 17, 2002 Business Confidential Claim
Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.

Dear Ms. Prisk:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter dated October 22, 2003 regarding the above-referenced matter.

Bio-Rad hereby requests that all information contained in sections 3 and 16 of its September 17, 2002 written response to the EPA's information request (the "Response") be kept confidential and that it be withheld from disclosure to the FOIA requestor. The information in sections 3 and 16 of the Response contain names, titles, business or home addresses, business or home telephone numbers and/or employment history of certain current and former employees of Bio-Rad. Bio-Rad considers this information confidential and proprietary. It has written policies and procedures designed to protect the confidentiality of such information.

Set forth below are answers to the list of questions in your October 22nd letter.

1. Bio-Rad requests that the EPA maintain the confidentiality of this information permanently.
2. The information in sections 3 and 16 of the Response contain personal information of current or former employees of Bio-Rad, which both the company and its employees have an interest in protecting from public disclosure.
3. Bio-Rad has written policies and internal procedures for preserving the confidentiality of this information.
4. No.
5. No to both questions.
6. The disclosure of this information to the public could harm Bio-Rad's relationship with its current and former employees. In addition, the disclosure of this information could allow potential competitors to solicit Bio-Rad's current and former employees for employment with them.
7. No.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Anthony B. Fong
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